

MUSIC INTERFACE FOR MEDIA-RICH INTERACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques for providing a music interface in a media-rich interactive program guide. In one implementation, an interactive music interface page includes one or more (e.g., two) display regions, a channel description region, and (possibly) a header region. The display regions, channel description region, and the header region are respectively configurable to display a listing of a number of music channels, information for a particular music channel, and one or more objects (icons) used to identify the music interface page. Each display region can include a particular (stripped) background and can further be configurable to display a video. In constructing the music interface page, a set top terminal (STT) may retrieve graphics for the page. The background and commonly used icons may be pre-loaded to the STT. In case of icon changes, the pre-loaded icons may be periodically or occasionally sent from a head end to the STT. During construction of the music interface page, the STT may overlay pre-generated (bitmap) the text within the stripes of the background to create the listing of music contents. In addition, icons may be overlayed at specific locations in the page.